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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147662

Date Submitted: 7/12/2024

Support public safety

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

While I understand the need for--and support--additional funding for Castle Rock Fire & Police Departments, I do not believe sales tax funds are the best way to achieve this goal. If we have another pandemic/housing crash/other widespread national emergency as we have seen over the last 2 decades, sales tax revenues would decrease, yet the need for public safety personnel would not. I'd like to see the town plan for a long-term solution, like raising the property tax levy for the town. About \$40 per household is just not enough to sustain our emergency services at needed levels and maintain our roads properly. Please consider raising property tax rates for the town's share of taxes to properly fund our emergency departments, rather than looking to variable income from sales tax.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147664

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

It's time to run the "new housing construction tax" vote again! Three years ago, voters hadn't been saddled with massive inflation, massive property tax increases, etc. That said, I'd bet that same measure would pass easily in November. Make the developers who've created the need for additional fire & police personnel pay for it! At the fall 2021 election, the Town asked Castle Rock voters to approve a \$7-per-square-foot "new housing construction" tax that would have allowed for the hiring of 75 Fire and Police personnel over a five-year period. Voters rejected that measure. Therefore, the Town could not implement that proposed tax.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147740

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I think the town needs to live on a budget. Yet adding more sales tax just makes the bureaucracy bigger. Putting safety as the name of why you're increasing. The sales tax is age old Dodge I'm not happy and I think it's not right.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147741

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Meadows

Email

do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No more taxes! Native Coloradan here in case anyone cares anymore. I'm struggling trying to find another \$600/mo to pay for the 54% increase in property taxes and the 5A that passed not to mention the 40% increase in home owners insurance premiums and everything else that has gone up in price. NO NEW TAXES!! We can't afford anymore!!!

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Absolutely not, it's high enough! Cut spending, increase taxes on those god-awful condo towers in downtown, and higher taxes on new home builds. Castle rock is getting too big, don't let it turn into Denver and become trash!

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147747

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Terrain

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I think that the citizens had the opportunity to spend more on Police and Fire, and we voted against it. So I think trying to make us pay more money for this is going against voter wishes.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Many studies say that increasing police doesn't have any impact on safety or crime. We should be focusing town money on infrastructure and affordable programming for citizens.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147815

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I would favor retrying a tax on new construction again. A lot has changed since 2022. Citizens are feeling the pressure from the extra growth. The outcome maybe different this time. Maybe put both options on ballot with knowledge that the one with the highest support would be implemented. Higher sales tax does impact cost of living for castle citizens. With high inflation this is felt even more. Higher sales tax could hurt castle rock businesses by pushing folk to go to neighboring towns with lower rates to make purchases.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147909

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147915

Date Submitted: 7/21/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147926

Date Submitted: 7/22/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147928

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Unincorporated Douglas County

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I think it's a reasonable proposal. I would vote for it.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I'll share this: We live approx. 7 miles east of Castle Rock in the original Castle Oaks areas, on 6.7 acres. We have lived here, and have paid (Castle Rock/Douglas County)city, county and state taxes for 35 years now. We live between 2 neighbors who continue to shoot on their properties...because they can, at targets, sighting in hunting guns, etc. One of these individuals' target(s) and set-up station is within clear sight of Pleasant View Drive as you drive, ride or walk by. The population continues to grow here in our neighborhood with continued residential and commercial building. Law enforcement (city and county) have responded over the years -we know this is a county matter, not town/city. The best we could do was persuade one neighbor to point away from our house-to sight his rifle in pointing 'the other way'. Not making that up. My concern is how this will impact the safety of our neighborhood once the most latest housing developments are complete. The population has greatly increased. We get more traffic (bikes, cars, etc) on Pleasant View Drive than ever-the Hidden Mesa Open Space is at the top of the Pleasant View Loop. My stand is that the use of guns on residential properties here in my neighborhood cannot continue. I think it has most certainly evolved into a matter of public safety for Douglas County, if not the city of Castle Rock. The city's (I think it's Castle Rock Water's) newly implemented water tank sits off Antelope Place, adjacent to Pleasant View Drive. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concern on this platform.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147954

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

I believe you need a different approach to the information you are sharing. What you are saying (sending out) while correct doesn't engender cooperation. Everyone can agree that the services are needed such as the additional ambulance, additional fire and police, etc. But the current approach doesn't loosen purse strings. People would rather play advisor and question how you are getting the money or re-engineer just what you are spending the money on. They seem to think they know more about the money and how to spend it than the council, fire, and police chiefs. They don't and just want to whine about it. They need to understand that if they spend \$10,000 in CR over the year which is a lot actually, the cost is a mere \$20.00 - that's it \$20.00. Tell them that represents ONE coffee or soft drink per QUARTER. Is ONE drink per QUARTER too much to save a life? Show the population that they are being downright silly to even to take the time to discuss the costs - they are trivial and not worth the effort except to hear themselves talk. I'm all in to just give you the \$20 and in fact, think you should ask for double that amount. I'll gladly pay for the OUTSTANDING services this town offers. Ask for more, with the economy as it is you'll need it soon enough. Thanks for all the 1st responders and all they do without sufficient reward or appreciation.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #147962

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Masters Club on plum creek golf course

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Yes, it is minimal and needed

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148002

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Crystal Valley

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I am for it.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148003

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Crystal valley

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I approve

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148263

Date Submitted: 7/30/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

The Meadows

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I am for it. It is a nominal amount to maintain service and safety levels that we have come to expect.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

Nope.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148266

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I moved to Castle Rock in March of 2023, in May of 23 I received a "welcome to Castle Rock and Douglas County" in the form of a 40% increase in property taxes and now Castle Rock wants another .2% sales tax increase? .2% doesn't seem like much on the surface but when you add up the combined sales tax rate (State, County, City) it starts to become ridiculous. 7.9% to 8.1% is what you're truly asking us. In your notification you make it sound like .2% isn't that big of a deal. You even go so far as to state that most of the shoppers who will pay the increase don't even live in CR, really? Stop treating us like idiots and work within the budget you already have.

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148351

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Meadows

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

No,Nope. You have enough police. Last night i saw 3cars and 6officers at a scene where 1person without a front license plate was stopped. 1car/2officers are enough to write the ticket. In fact, how about writing more tickets for speeding, not stopping at stop lights and other “revenue generating” traffic stops. OR if you want to raise sales tax how about issuing “residence” cards for those of us who live here and soak the tourists visiting the outlet mall. we pay enough taxes.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148359

Date Submitted: 7/31/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Plum Creek

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I think it insane to ask for more taxes with the MASSSIVE property tax we just received. In addition with 683 residences completed in 2023 at an average of \$3000 in property taxes that's over \$2,000,000 in tax revenue. How can you even ask this at this time. If the \$\$\$ are on city but county you cities should gang up on them for the money.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148490

Date Submitted: 8/2/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

As a 20+ year Castle Rock resident, right now I am not in favor of this increase. I see petty theft and reckless driving on the rise and CRPD being slow to react (if I am being generous). For example, many parents complained about the blatant disregard and dangerous speeds within a school zone in Castlewood Ranch last school year. We finally got a police car to the area (only during one school zone window) and I personally watched cars go past the marked unit driving 40-50 mph in a 20 mph school zone and the marked unit never moved, much less wrote any tickets. I will grant you I only observed for about 10 minutes, but the lack of enforcement was disappointing, to say the least. In addition, this was just a few weeks after the student was killed in Highlands Ranch on their way to school. I see plenty of communication about fun events but how is CRPD working to improve road safety and stopping petty theft? Tell me how this tax increase will make my neighborhood safer. Will there be increased neighborhood patrols, will there be more officers added to traffic enforcement, will there be a return to speed checks and red light enforcement? Just more officers is not enough to get my vote. Thanks for listening.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148569

Date Submitted: 8/4/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Cobblestone

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

Go for it. It's needed

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148586

Date Submitted: 8/4/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

I have a question regarding this proposal. The town information website makes mention that the 2025 bugetary adjustments will allow for “some” of the necessary hiring but not all 40 positions. What exactly does “some” mean? How many positions exactly will be allocated for by making those budget adjustments? Also, is there any sort of sunset clause for this tax increase? Is it in perpetuity? Is the town planning to make another proposal for a different tax increase in the future to supplement this increase?

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #148976

Date Submitted: 8/11/2024

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Name (optional)

In what area of Castle Rock do you live?

Plum Creek

Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

The increased safety requirements should be funded primarily through the developers of the new residences since the requirement is due to expanded housing. This could be in the form of additional building permit fees - add \$10,000 to each permit to the 1,000s of new homes to be built could add \$20-40 million in revenue to cover those costs for many years. Additional taxes for the residents of the specifics areas receiving additional services is also fair but perhaps more difficult.

Is there any other information you would like to share?

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Potential Ballot Question Feedback - Submission #149032

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Email

What do you think about a potential sales tax increase?

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